

HIGGINS MAY CONSENT TO RUN.

HE HAS GONE TO OLEAN TO CONSULT HIS FAMILY.

Before his departure he had been traced by his closest friends to Olean to consult his family.

ALBANY, Sept. 21. Gov. Higgins started for Olean this afternoon. Before going he agreed to hold in abeyance his decision as to whether or not he would again run for Governor until his return Monday morning. Meanwhile he will consult with his family on this question.

Ever since the rout of the Odell-Platt-Quigg combination at the primaries Gov. Higgins has been besieged by telegraph, by telephone and by mail by Republicans of note all over the State, urging him to run again for Governor. Here at Albany the Governor has been permitted to be alone long enough to sleep, so constant have been the efforts of the members of his kitchen cabinet to persuade him that it is his duty not only in the interests of party harmony and success but for the future political welfare of the members of his kitchen cabinet that he accept a renomination.

Even before the Hearst cloud had spread over the State Gov. Higgins had said to his friends that he had had enough of public life. But as the fight against Odell progressed the Governor's friends assumed from his attitude that he would go in for a renomination, if necessary, as a mere matter of personal pride. But since the emphatic defeat of Odellism at the primaries Gov. Higgins's interest in politics, so far as it concerns him personally, seemed to wane, and at the conference Wednesday night at the Executive Mansion to make arrangements for the convention at Saratoga he persisted that he thought it best to retire to private life. His friends argued with him from dinner time till after midnight, but he refused to consent to run.

But the Governor's friends did not despair of changing his mind. Wednesday the Governor announced that he intended to go to Olean on Thursday. They persuaded him to remain in Albany. Then they sent Mr. Franchot to Olean as an emissary to Mrs. Higgins, with a view of securing her neutrality regarding the decision of the Governor on the question of accepting a renomination.

The plan was for Mr. Franchot to return to Albany in time for a final conference of the friends of the Governor before going to Saratoga, and it was the expectation that the result of this conference would be that Gov. Higgins would consent to run. Meanwhile it was planned to deluge the Governor with protests against his decision to retire. The plan so far has worked admirably. Timothy L. Woodruff reached here last night and stayed at the Executive Mansion with the Governor. Mr. Hendricks also made his home at the mansion.

Since yesterday afternoon the Governor has been in an almost continual conference with his friends, who have been trying to wear away his opposition to a renomination. This morning Herbert Parsons, the president of the New York county Republican committee, reached Albany. He had a long talk with Gov. Higgins. Afterward Mr. Parsons announced that President Roosevelt told him that Mr. Higgins had his family support and that he would stand behind him or any candidate for Governor, if he decided not to run, that Mr. Higgins and his friends might make.

Then Mr. Woodruff had a long talk again with Gov. Higgins in the Executive Chamber, and all this time Mr. Hendricks, William Barnes, Jr., and Secretary of State John F. O'Brien were in and out of the Governor's private room. Later Railroad Commissioner George W. Aldridge put in an appearance. Shortly afterward he and Mr. O'Brien left for Troy, where they had a talk with Frank S. Black. They were with Mr. Black all the afternoon, and Mr. Black came down to Albany with them to-night.

All of Gov. Higgins's friends apparently thought it was necessary to placate Mr. Black, who has shown rather an indifferent attitude toward Gov. Higgins since the Governor's refusal to accept the nomination for the United States Senate when Chairman Odell sold him out at the behest of his financial friend, Harriman. These who talked with Mr. Black afterward said that he was in a very placid mood.

After Mr. Aldridge and Mr. O'Brien had left the Executive Chamber for Troy Gov. Higgins called in Dr. Samuel E. Ward, who looks after the Governor while he is in Albany. It was then that the Governor, after Dr. Ward left, changed his plans and decided to go to his home in Olean to remain over Sunday and talk the question of his renomination over with his family. He went alone. To THE SUN correspondent at the railroad station Gov. Higgins said:

I am going to Olean to have a talk with my family. I have agreed to hold in abeyance my decision as to whether or not I will look for a renomination. I have been practically besieged by friends and Republicans from all over the State since yesterday to accept a renomination for Governor. The kindly expression I have received in this regard I appreciate very much. I shall announce my decision on Monday morning.

The Governor's friends who were with him all day were inclined to-night to think they had made an impression upon him and that they had reason to hope for a favorable decision. They thought that they had worn down all of the Governor's personal objections and that possibly the family reasons which caused him to desire to retire might be overcome. Yet one or two of the Governor's advisers to-night expressed the opinion that he would decline to run.

PARSONS CALL ON HIGGINS.

HE WON'T ADMIT THAT IT'S SIGNIFICANT FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO ROOSEVELT.

After returning on Thursday night from his visit to President Roosevelt Chairman Herbert Parsons of the Republican county committee took the midnight train to Albany, where for two hours yesterday morning he was in conference with Gov. Higgins. When he reached the Republican county committee headquarters late yesterday afternoon Mr. Parsons was disinclined to give out any information concerning the purpose of his visit to Gov. Higgins. He evaded all questions bearing upon the possibility of Gov. Higgins consenting to become a candidate for renomination.

"It was rather significant, wasn't it," it was suggested to Mr. Parsons, "that immediately after seeing the President you should go on to Albany to see the Governor?"

"No," he answered, "there was nothing significant in it, because Mr. Higgins asked me several days ago to run and see him."

"Did you take any message to him from the President?"

"I could rather not speak about my talk with Gov. Higgins, because anything in that direction ought to come from the Governor himself," was the reply.

"Will Mr. Higgins consent to become a candidate for a renomination?"

"I am sorry," Mr. Parsons answered, "but this matter of my call on Gov. Higgins is one that I do not feel called upon to talk about, just as I refused to say anything as to what passed between the President and myself when I saw him yesterday."

Another tack was taken with Mr. Parsons by asking him if he was hopeful of being able to vote for the selection of Mr. Higgins at the Saratoga convention, and to this he answered: "I'm sure I don't know. I understand from what I read in the evening papers that it all depends on Mrs. Higgins."

And then he added with a smile: "Mr. Franchot left Albany before I did and I believe that he went to Olean to see Mrs. Higgins."

FAIRBANKS ANSWERS BRYAN.

Railway Ownership a Long Step From Sound Principles.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Vice-President Fairbanks in his address at the cornerstone laying of the new Cook county building to-day turned the skeleton of the \$3,000,000 structure into a national political rostrum.

After denouncing Bryan's view on Government ownership of railroads, lashing socialism as a leech on the heart of republican government and reading a lesson on patriotism Mr. Fairbanks with a silver trowel spread the mortar on the huge granite block.

The event besides signaling rapid work toward the completing of one of the greatest public buildings in America gave early promise of developing a demonstration of Vice-President Fairbanks, who from the moment he reached the Auditorium Annex was greeted by scores of political friends.

Vice-President Fairbanks's address was the feature of the day that overshadowed all others.

He complimented Chicago and Cook county on beginning a beautiful home for the men who are to maintain the dignity of the law, which he said, "must prevail anarchy rule." Then he spoke of President Roosevelt, of whom he said: "We gladly acknowledge the inflexible purpose of President Roosevelt to enforce the nation's laws according to their written intent. He has set a high example which those of lesser responsibility may well emulate in municipal and State administrations."

Of Mr. Bryan's propaganda Mr. Fairbanks said:

"Those who advocate the ownership of railroads by the Federal Government propose a radical departure from sound principle. This departure would be a long step toward dangerous centralization of power and toward socialism. It is not wise for the State to usurp functions which are properly left to the individual citizen. This is a law of nature. This is a law of power."

To insist that Governmental ownership is necessary to guard against abuses is to confess a degree of impotency which is a libel on our form of government."

CAPTAIN AT MANILA ACCUSED.

Fredenhall Charged With Taking Army Funds to Cover a Shortage.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Sept. 21.—Capt. Ira L. Fredenhall, of the Quartermaster's Department, is charged by Prosecuting Attorney Cotton with misappropriating public funds. The specification alleges that while Fredenhall was in charge of the iron junk works he stole \$375 and also extracted \$125 from the petty cash, known as the "slush fund," and appropriated the total amount to cover a shortage of the nature of which was explained. The case involves three civil employees of the names of McChesney, Quirk and Stokely.

In order to avoid formal arrest Capt. Fredenhall will to-morrow deposit \$1,000 bail. He promises to make a vigorous fight. Possibly there will be other prosecutions, but they will not be proceeded with till the arrival of the next transport, which will bring witnesses. All the prosecution is expected to result in important disclosures.

Inspector-General Wood is directing the investigation, submitting the testimony and the names of witnesses to Attorney General.

Latest Marine Intelligence.

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TOWN WRECKED BY DYNAMITE.

EXPLODING CAR KILLS 12 AND INJURES MORE THAN 300.

Jellies, on the Kentucky-Tennessee Boundary, Suffers \$1,000,000 Damage—Railway Officials Say Shots Fired at Target on Car Caused Explosion.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 21.—The town of Jellies, which lies partly in Tennessee and partly in Kentucky, was all but wiped off the map this morning at 8 o'clock by the explosion of a carload of dynamite.

At least twelve persons are dead, fifty are seriously injured and more than 150 are slightly injured.

The property loss will exceed \$1,000,000, nearly 1,000 people are homeless and practically every business house and factory in the town was demolished.

A great hole, 50 feet deep and 100 feet across, marks the spot where the railroad car which contained the 420 cases of dynamite exploded.

Buildings a mile away from the explosion were shaken and some were demolished.

The dead may reach twenty-five.

The telephone offices were destroyed, and but for the fact that the long distance telephone office was far from the explosion the town would have been completely shut off from the outside world.

The news was telephoned to this city within ten minutes after the explosion, which was heard for forty miles, and a special train with a corps of physicians and newspaper men made a quick run to the scene. Relief was also sent from nearby towns.

The work of rescuing victims buried under fallen buildings was begun at once. Flying debris, pieces of timber and iron seem to have been most disastrous to life and limb, a number of those killed being distant from the scene of the explosion.

The car of dynamite was standing on a Louisville and Nashville Railway siding, having just arrived, consigned to John L. O'Connor, a railroad contractor, at Clearfield, Ky. Cars were being switched and a car loaded with pig iron was backed into the dynamite car, causing the explosion.

While this is the story generally believed, the official report sent out by the Southern Railway officials says that several men were shooting at a target fastened to the dynamite car and that the bullets set off the dynamite.

The list of known dead comprises George Atkins, 30 years old, lineman for the East Tennessee Telephone Company; John Cook, 50 years old, car inspector for the Southern Railway; Walter Rodgers, 25 years old, clerk for the United Cold Storage Warehouse, cut to pieces and almost unrecognizable, and John Gordon, colored, 30 years old.

Five other dead bodies have been found, but they are so badly disfigured that they cannot be identified.

On the Tennessee side, which includes the larger part of the town, the damage was more extended. The heaviest property losses are:

Carmarthan Inn, three story brick structure, practically destroyed. Jellico Furniture Company, building collapsed. Link tailoring establishment, glass broken and other damage. Hodges undertaking establishment, badly wrecked. Smith & Good Co. Company, stock and building badly damaged. The Cumberland Opera House, the most costly structure in the town, valued at \$36,000, is wrecked. The Screamers Shoe Company building is shattered. The National Bank of Jellico, building and fixtures are badly damaged. The Jellico Grocery Company suffered heavy loss. Giammorgani Inn, wrecked beyond repair.

On the Kentucky side, which includes the remainder of the town, the damage is less extensive. The heaviest property losses are:

Beaver Brothers, hardware; Baird's department store, the post office, Glickman's general merchandise store, D. T. Jenkins, hardware; Baird & Smith, genteel furnishings; First National Bank, loan shop, jeweler; T. Peace, jeweler; Jellico Wholesale Hardware Company.

Twenty-five other establishments suffered less serious damage.

ROOSEVELT NAMES JUDGES.

Two Pennsylvanians Get High Judicial Honors.

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 21.—When Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania left Sagamore Hill this morning he announced that Judge Joseph Buffington, United States District Judge for the Western district of Pennsylvania, had been chosen to fill the vacant judgeship in the Third circuit of the United States Circuit Court.

This circuit includes Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Judge Buffington's successor will be former Judge Nathaniel Ewing of Fayette county. Later in the day the appointments were formally announced by the Executive office.

Senator Knox said that Judge Buffington's long service on the bench had made him the logical candidate for the vacant judgeship.

The post left vacant by Judge Buffington's appointment, continued Mr. Knox, "has been the subject of much competition and wire pulling. Mr. Ewing, however, never expressed a desire for the place and was taken by surprise when I asked him a few days ago if he would like to have the post."

Mr. Ewing, the Senator said, comes of good judicial stock. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather all were judges. The Senator said the visit had been purely social. He refused to make any comment on Pennsylvania State politics.

William Leach, Jr., secretary to the President, left Oyster Bay this morning for a month's vacation in Wyoming. His place will be taken by M. C. Latta, the assistant secretary.

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MANSFIELD FIGHTS A FIREMAN.

He and Col. Kirkland of the Pequot Brigade Exchange Blows, Then Apologize.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 21.—Actor Richard Mansfield, who is at the Pequot colony at 1 o'clock this morning, was aroused by cries of "Fire!"

A glance through his chamber window revealed a burning stable on the Gardner estate close by. Mr. Mansfield was soon on the scene directing neighbors who were saving the live stock and farming implements. He also stationed two young men on the roof of the Gardner residence with a small hose to save the house from sparks.

With the arrival of the Pequot Independent Hose Company, just incorporated and made up of many of the wealthy Pequot colonists, the foreman, Col. Eugene T. Kirkland, desirous that his men should cover themselves with glory at this, their initial confagration, ordered the young men with the miniature hose to skidoo from their perch and let his men souse the residence in real fireman fashion.

The young men refused to budge and Mr. Mansfield interceded for them, but to no avail. A hot argument followed, and Col. Kirkland slapped the actor man on the jaw and attempted to get a half Nelson hold. The actor retaliated by cutting loose with right and left upper cuts, but before the round ended friends separated the combatants.

Later mutual apologies were made, hot tempers were calmed, and the actor and fireman shook hands with good will.

The residence was saved, but the stable, which was valued at \$5,000, was a total loss.

TRAINS TWO HOURS LATE.

Time in N. Y. Central Cut at Mott Haven Six Seconds Per Train.

Passenger traffic on the New York Central Railroad was tied up from 5:40 to 6:40 o'clock last evening on all four tracks. A switch engine left the track at 1:45 street and turned over on its side, blocking all four tracks. The outboard traffic was at its height when the accident occurred, and the express and local trains loaded with suburbanites piled up for several blocks south.

The passengers waited good naturedly for a time, then they became impatient, and piling out took the trolley cars and elevated trains home. Things were complicated for the commuters leaving the cars through the presence, near 143d street, of a live third rail which is being used in testing the new electric trains.

The northbound express and the southbound local tracks were cleared after an hour of hustling by the wrecking crews. It was almost midnight before the other tracks were clear and the trains were running on a regular schedule again. The wreck obstructed the approach to the Mott Haven yards in such a way that the railroad people weren't able to make up their trains, and this caused as much trouble as the actual blocking of the tracks.

All the outgoing through trains due to leave in the evening pulled out anywhere from one to three hours late. The Western Express, due to leave at 9 o'clock, started out at 8:15. The Montreal Express, due to leave at 7 o'clock, was two hours late. The Adirondack Express, scheduled to leave at 7:30 o'clock, pulled out at 9:30; and the Buffalo Special was one hour and forty-five minutes behind time.

The accident was caused, it was said, by a defective frog. The big driving wheels of the engine sank down between the ties in such a way that the engine tipped before she had gone far. The engineer and fireman both escaped without injury.

ROUGH WORK AT MARDI GRAS.

Toughs Make Most of Opportunity and Do a Lot of Harm.

An enormous crowd turned out at Coney Island last night for the next to last night of the Mardi Gras. The police said that there were nearly 600,000 persons on the island at 9 o'clock. A drizzle set in about 9:30 o'clock and in a short time the rain came down in big, wholesome drops.

A rough crowd gathered there were not many places to protect the crowd. Not many men made for the waiting trains and the cars were packed to suffocation. A lot of persons were knocked down and trampled in the crush, and women fainted so often that it was impossible to get doctors enough to revive them, although there were lots of doctors in the crowd.

The business men of Coney Island have come to the conclusion that the Mardi Gras is not worth the trouble and there is already talk of putting a stop to it in the future. A crowd of thugs and roughs have swooped down on the island each night and taken advantage of the recklessness of the occasion to rough their way through the throng. Many have been injured as a result.

Last night these pluggies hit upon several schemes to cause injury. Nearly everybody at the Mardi Gras carries a little stick, or "tickle." When tickled with these the first instinct is to grab for the tickler. The toughs tied sharp nails and pins to their ticklers and sharp and many hands were badly lacerated as a result. The doctors at the Reception Hospital treated about fifty persons' wounds received in this way. There is no telling how many went to their homes to be treated.

Another plan that the rowdies hit upon last night was mixing cayenne pepper in confetti before hurling it over the heads and in the faces of the throng. Some folks were almost blinded.

The police, although Commissioner Bingham sent over 100 extra men to the island especially for the occasion, have been utterly incapable of handling the crowds, or rather the rough and crooked element. Folks have been robbed in great numbers and many have gone to the police to complain, but many more have not reported their losses. Pickpockets have reaped a rich harvest on crowded trains and trolley cars.

Southern Pacific Will Build Around Salton Sea.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Sept. 21.—Five carloads of men and materials have been hurried to Salton Bay by the Southern Pacific to construct a road around the rising waters of Salton Sea. The new road will be built on a grade thirty feet higher than the highest point of the present line. In all fifty miles of track will have to be laid.

The water is already dangerously near the present roadbed, which will be submerged in a few weeks unless the inflow is checked.

JOCKEY FREISHON IS KILLED.

THROWN IN GRAVESEND RACES AND TRAMPLED.

Rider of Joe Levy, a Canadian Gelding, Was Killed Crushed and Dies Instantly—Though Riding on the Lower Turn Partially to Blame—C. Ross Also Hurt.

Bertrand Freishon, 16 years old, a jockey in the employ of M. L. Hayman, was instantly killed at the Gravesend racetrack yesterday. Freishon had the mount on B. L. Marden's Joe Levy, a three-year-old gelding, who had been brought down here from Canada expressly for a killing in this event.

There were ten starters, and as the distance was a mile and a quarter the horses were sent away from the post beyond the end of the field stand.

As the horses rushed down past the judges' stand Joe Levy was near the tail end of the procession with T. E. Mann's Sonoma Belle, ridden by G. Burns, beside him, and Mrs. J. M. Cooper's Louis H. C. Ross up, close behind. In the usual wild rush for the sharp left turn there was a lot of rough riding.

Just opposite the paddock gate, in full view of the spectators, especially those in the clubhouse, Joe Levy stepped in a hole and crossed the forelegs. As he fell heavily he threw Freishon over toward the inner rail, at the same time bumping Sonoma Belle in such a manner as to cause G. Burns to fly out of the saddle onto his stomach as the mare fell sprawling too.

In the dust cloud, C. Ross, who came thundering along with Louis H. C. did not see the accident, and before he could pull up his horse trampled on Freishon, a hoof crushing in the boy's head.

Ross fell on his face in the mixup and lay still. Burns scrambled to his feet, unharmed and turned to see what had happened to the other boys. Half a dozen stable men rushed onto the track, where both Freishon and Ross lay still.

When Freishon was picked up he was lifeless. There was a great hole in his head. The jockey was hurried to a room near by, where the track physician said that he was dead. M. L. Hayman, his employer, said the fatal accident from the clubhouse and hurried to the boy's side. When he learned that Freishon was dead Hayman cried like a baby.

Freishon's trainer, R. Minton, discovered Freishon in New Orleans last winter, and the boy there showed so much natural ability as a rider of race horses that it was decided to bring him North, where he had been improving steadily all season. He was a creole and his father is a barber in the Crescent city. The remains probably will be sent there for burial.

Ross, who was riding up unconsciously, had an ugly wound behind his left ear and was so badly hurt that he was sent to the reception hospital in an ambulance. He revived later and the physicians said last night that he would be all right in a few days.

Freishon weighed only 55 pounds. His last successful mount was The Wrestler, who won a two-year-old handicap on Thursday and was the medium for a \$30,000 killing.

TWO GIRLS KILLED BY FALLS.

Nurse and Seamstress Fell Down Shafts in Working Women's Home.

Miss Sophie Higginbotham, a nurse, and member of the New York Hospital Alumnae Association of Trained Nurses, fell six stories down the elevator shaft in the nurses' home of the association at 8 West Ninety-second street yesterday afternoon and died from her injuries.

Miss Higginbotham had entered the elevator on the sixth floor, William Rankin, the elevator man, found on starting the machine that it was working badly and was dangerous. He threw open the doors and sprang out, attempting to drag the woman after him. She jumped from the elevator just as it dropped to the basement, but lost her balance in the open door and fell back down the shaft on top of the elevator. The J. Hood Wright Hospital ambulance was summoned, but she died before it arrived.

Miss Higginbotham was a native of Bermuda, 32 years old. Recently she had been living at the nurses' home while waiting a position.

Miss Edith Lauffin, a young seamstress who lived in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 74 West 124th street, in hanging out some clothes in the laundry on the sixth floor, yesterday morning lost her balance and fell through some wire netting into the air shaft. She was dead when picked up at the bottom of the shaft. She came to New York only a short time ago from Coxsack, N. Y., where her home was.

SMITH WARNS FILIPINOS.

Those Who Incite Disorder Will Be Suppressed, Says New Governor-General.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Sept. 21.—Governor-General Smith, the successor of Gen. Ide, in his inaugural address, pledged the new administration to the maintenance of commercial and industrial prosperity, and sounded a significant warning against political agitators and campaign misrepresentation. He said:

"The men who are inciting disorder should not be merely repressed, but suppressed; and they will be, in a lawful manner."

He praised the constabulary, but warned the provincial officers of their grave responsibilities, saying that they held their commissions on the assumption that they knew what was going on around them. He gave an exceedingly clear exposition of the present relations of the Church and State in the islands and pledged the fullest freedom and protection to religion.

Referring to independence, he said: "Unless it is to be granted immediately, which I do not believe is likely, I think valuable time and energy are being lost, which might be more profitably spent in perfecting the existing government. I personally do not think that independence would prove a panacea. Indeed, if the experience of Russia be observed, the people may be independent and yet unhappy and oppressed. Cuba enjoys independence, but has it given good government or peace? Moreover, if Cuba were at the gateway of China, it is extremely doubtful whether she would be permitted to gather wisdom from further experience."

The City of Seattle Successfully Floated.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 21.—The City of Seattle, which ran upon the rocks at Trial Island yesterday morning, was successfully floated at high tide to-day.

10,000 NOW REPORTED DEAD.

Hongkong Typhoon Sank Fleet of 600 Fishing Junk.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HONGKONG, Sept. 21.—The latest estimates of the deaths resulting from the typhoon place the number at 10,000. It is learned that in addition to shipping disasters already reported a fleet of 600 fishing junks was sunk.

The natives are subscribing to the relief fund with alacrity. The Chinese of San Francisco have called \$10,000 to the fund.

LINER MONGOLIA SAVED.

Pacific Mail Steamship Skides Off the Reef at Midway.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Cable despatches report that the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, which went on a reef on Midway Island in the north Pacific last Sunday, was floated at 3 o'clock this morning. A training ship that had been standing by the Mongolia for three or four days was pulling on the steamer on Thursday night but had to put to sea on account of squally weather. A short time later, however, the Mongolia, working under her own engines, slid off the reef and anchored near by.

Officials of the Pacific Mail company said to-day that the Mongolia would probably go to Nagasaki to be repaired. Her passengers, who were landed on Midway after the steamer struck the reef, may return aboard the vessel or be taken aboard the transport Buford, which was expected to reach Midway to-day. The passengers are likely to come to San Francisco on the Buford.

The Manchuria, a sister ship of the Mongolia and which was recently saved from a reef off Waimanalo, near Honolulu, will also be sent to Japan to be repaired.

IT'S JEROME, SAYS THE MAYOR.

Who's Going to Buffalo Enthusiastic for the District Attorney.

Mayor McClellan will be at the Democratic State convention at Buffalo, but he said yesterday that he would go as a private citizen and not as a delegate or as an alternate. Commenting yesterday on the situation, he asserted:

"I am still an enthusiast for Jerome. As the time for the holding of the convention approaches it looks to me more and more like Jerome."

OLD SAVANNAH THEATRE BURNS.

House Was Built in 1818 and Was Once Managed by Joseph Jefferson.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 21.—The Savannah Theatre, built in 1818 and next to the oldest theatre in America, was destroyed by fire to-night. The fire was first discovered in the gridiron above the stage, and at midnight the famous playhouse was a smouldering ruin.

The theatre was owned by the Greenleaf Theatre Circuit Company and was worth \$50,000. The house was remodelled about ten years ago, but the walls and interior were the same as when first erected.

The house was managed at one time by the late Joseph Jefferson, and Charles F. Crisp, once Speaker of the House of Representatives, appeared in it as a child when his father was its manager.

The most famous actors and actresses in America had been seen in the house.

CREW RESCUED BY WARSHIP.

Cruiser Cleveland Takes Captain and Three Men From a Sinking Schooner.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 21.—The United States cruiser Cleveland, which arrived here to-day, brought four of the crew of the schooner Joseph H. Jackson, from Sagua with sugar and other merchandise, for Philadelphia by way of Tampa, which was abandoned off Cape Hatteras in a sinking condition last Sunday night.

The Cleveland sighted the schooner during a hurricane, and seeing that she was in distress bore down to her. She found the schooner's master, Capt. Pierce, the mate, cook and one seaman clinging desperately to the wreck. They were in imminent danger of being swept away. Three of her crew had been lost.

The Cleveland sent a boat to rescue the survivors. When they arrived here they were taken to the American Consul, who will send them home at the expense of the Government.

AERIAL TORPEDO BOAT.

French Government to Test Engineer's Invention.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—The Petit Parisien says that a French engineer named Roudy has invented an aerial torpedo boat which is capable of remaining several days in midair, rising to such a height as to be safe from projectiles.

It is possible, the inventor says, for his aerial warship to rise and descend, to travel against the wind and to move perfectly. In addition, he declares, it will be able to carry bombs and grenades for use in time of war. The Minister of War is to test Roudy's invention by experiments.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN ILL.

Dr. Lapponi Believed to Have Cancer of the Stomach.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Sept. 21.—Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, is seriously ill. Dr. Mazzoni diagnoses the trouble as cancer of the stomach, and possibly he will perform an operation. The Pope is greatly concerned over the illness of his physician.

Daughter of James J. Hill Engaged to Michael Gavin of New York.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 21.—The engagement of Miss Gertrude Hill, daughter of James J. Hill, to Michael Gavin, a lawyer of New York, was announced last evening at a dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thayer Slade.

Miss Hill made her debut two seasons ago. She is the youngest of Mr. and Mrs. Hill's daughters. She is musical in her tastes. Her education was received at Visitation Convent, St. Paul, and at a well known New York school.

Fishing Steamer Sunk in Collision With Clyde Line.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 21.—The steamer Atlantic, one of the menhaden fishing fleet of the Cape Fear Fisheries Company of New York, was sunk in collision with the Clyde Line steamer Navahoe early this morning near the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

The collision was due to a misunderstanding of signals. All of the crew of twenty-five of the Atlantic were rescued. The Navahoe suffered no damage.

CUBAN REBELS OBEY TAFT.

MOVE FURTHER FROM HAVANA AT HIS REQUEST.

Secretary More Hopeful of Clearing Up the Situation—Palma's Party Willing to Submit Issues to American Arbitration if the Liberals Will Desist.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 21.—Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, President Roosevelt's peace commissioners, continued their work to-day. They saw several business men and a committee of the House of Representatives.

Upon the conclusion of the conference Mr. Taft told the reporters that he felt somewhat more hopeful of a clearing up of the situation. He declined to state the grounds for his feeling, confining himself to the mere statement.

He has now heard both sides of the question and understands the points at issue. The commissioners are not formulating any plan of settlement, but are trying to get the two sides together.

Mr. Taft says that in view of the fact that the rebels during the truce have been drawing closer to Havana and are now very near the Government troops at Marianao he sent word to Gen. Castillo by Senator Zayas informing him that this was contrary to the spirit of the truce and requesting him to withdraw his forces to a distance. Gen. Castillo replied that he himself was sick, but that a majority of his troops would be sent at once to a point further from the capital. He, with the remainder of his men, would withdraw later.

To-morrow Mr. Taft will see the rebel Generals Guerra, Castillo, Machado and Ferrera. The latter two are from Santa Clara province; Guerra and Castillo are the leaders in Pinar del Rio and Havana provinces respectively.

Mr. Taft explains that his dealing with Vice-President Capote and Senator Zayas is a case of lawyer dealing with lawyer, but the case is different with the rebel leaders, and he wishes to see how far Senator Zayas represents them.

It is learned this evening that Gen. Guerra's troops have been removed beyond Punta Brava on the road to Guanajay. He has over 3,000 men, who were reviewed to-day by Major Ladd at the request